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Graduation

The Graduation exercises for the Class of 1948 were held on Monday, June 7. Because of heavy shower conditions the program was given in Bowditch House. An audience of several hundred attended the exercises.

It was our great privilege to have as speaker for the occasion Dr. Willard L. Sperry, Dean of the Divinity School of Harvard University. Dr. Sperry had a vital message which struck a responsive chord. Certainly his inspiring address will long be remembered as the outstanding feature of our commencement season. He was introduced by the President of the Board of Trustees, Augustus P. Loring, Jr.

The presentation of diplomas and awards was made by Headmaster William M. Meacham. Nine received Graduation diplomas, and five sloyd, while three who completed the junior year post-graduate work were given certificates. Other awards were made and a complete list of the winners will be found elsewhere in this issue.

We were pleased to have the Rev. Louis W. West, pastor of the South Baptist Church of South Boston take part in the exercises. He gave the Invocation and later in the program had the pleasure of seeing Richard E. McPhee receive a special ten dollar award for achievement in Religious Education. This prize was

made possible by Mr. West and the parishioners of the South Baptist Church.

The two students with the highest academic averages delivered the Valedictory and Salutatory addresses, as is the custom. S. Brooks Whiting gave the former and Richard E. McPhee the latter. Other class speakers were Ramsey G. Porter who delivered the class will and Robert H. Hatch who gave the prophecy.

Music for the program was furnished by the School band, with a special number by the brass quartette. The quartette's rendition of Reginald DeKoven's "Recessional" was of excellent musical worth.

The program was as follows:

PROGRAM

Class Processional—Youth Victorious
Lawrence F. Finn, '49, Marshall

Invocation

The Reverend Louis W. West

Overture—Princess of India

King

Salutatory

Richard E. McPhee

Brass Quartette—Recessional *DeKoven*

Harold D. Lowery, Jr., First cornet

William T. Warfield, Second cornet

Richard E. McPhee, Trombone

Stephen J. Zevitas, Euphonium

Class Will

Ramsey G. Porter

March—National Emblem

Bagley

Class Prophecy

Robert H. Hatch

Valedictory

S. Brooks Whiting

Introduction of Speaker

President Augustus P. Loring, Jr.

Address

Dr. Willard L. Sperry
Dean of the Divinity School
Harvard University

Presentation of Diplomas

Headmaster William M. Meacham

March

Albee

The Farm and Trades School Band

DIPLOMAS AWARDED

GRADUATION

Robert McKeague Davenport

Kenneth Washburn Duquet

Robert Harold Hatch

John Sheridan Higgins

Paul Woodruff Horton

Richard Eugene McPhee

Ramsey George Porter

Burleigh Moore Roberts

Samuel Brooks Whiting

SLOYD

Kenneth Washburn Duquet

Harold Dodge Lowery, Jr.

Richard Eugene McPhee

Ramsey George Porter

Nelson William Stearns

JUNIOR YEAR CERTIFICATES

Harold Dodge Lowery, Jr.

William Theodore Warfield

Stephen John Zevitas

A Reprint from the Manchester Union

Frequently newspaper articles featuring our School, its work and its graduates, are of especial interest. We surely feel that the following article relating to REV. THEODORE B. HADLEY, '21, is worthy of reprinting in full. Mr. Hadley's many F. T. S. friends will rejoice at the recognition given him. The news story appeared in the Manchester, N. H. Union on May 28, 1948.

We hope and suggest that our readers living in or near Keene will visit Mr. Hadley and if possible avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him preach. He would be thrilled to greet old F.T.S. friends and to make new ones, for our School is dear to his heart.

The newspaper article follows:

Rev. Theodore B. Hadley installed as
Regional Minister

At an ecclesiastical council held in the Gilsum Congregational Church Rev. Theodore B. Hadley was installed as pastor of the Congregational churches of Gilsum, Sullivan and East Sullivan and as regional minister for the New Hampshire Congregational-Christian conference.

The council was called to order by the moderator of the Cheshire association, Rev. William C. Sipe.

The installation service opened with an organ prelude by Miss Lois Wright. Invocation was given by Rev. Marshall O. Eck of Marlboro, the scripture lesson by the Rev. William C. Gooch of Peterborough, and the sermon by Rev. Frederick W. Alden, minister of the New

Hampshire Congregational Christian conference.

The moderator then installed the candidate as pastor of the churches with installing prayer by Rev. Marshall Stevenson of Canterbury. The right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. John C. Prince of Troy. Greetings from the New Hampshire conference were brought by one of the trustees, Rev. A. Norman James of Keene. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Walter B. Lounsbury of Squantum, Mass. The charge to the people was given by Rev. Edward S. Hickcox of Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Hadley is a native of Peterborough. He attended The Farm and Trades School in Boston and Bridgton High School in Maine. He holds the BS and AM degrees from Middlebury college and the BD degree from Bangor Theological seminary. Previous to his call to the regional ministry Mr. Hadley served Congregational churches in Sandy Point, Maine, Weybridge and Newbury, Vt. and Somersworth, N. H.

Mrs. Hadley is a native of Bristol, Vt. and a graduate of Rutland, Vermont, Business College. She is at present the vice-chairman of the department of women's work for the New Hampshire conference.

Honor Roll — Winter Term

The highest academic averages in each class group

Junior Class

William T. Warfield
Harold D. Lowery, Jr.

Sophomore Class

S. Brooks Whiting
Paul W. Horton

Freshman Class

Malcolm C. Wiley (Tie)
Albert C. Roberts (Tie)
James L. Angelos

Eighth Grade Division A

Theodore L. Jones
Richard G. Burton

Eighth Grade Division B

David B. Furbish
Vaughn A. Best

Seventh Grade

Lewis A. Hester
Donald W. Heslinga (Tie)
Karl Mills (Tie)

Sixth Grade

Joseph B. Mason
Samuel W. Wood

Best Citizenship

The best general conduct and effort
in each class group

Junior Class

Harold D. Lowery, Jr.
Stephen J. Zevitas

Sophomore Class

Burleigh M. Roberts
Robert M. Davenport

Freshman Class

Leonard C. Souza, Jr.
Nelson W. Stearns

Eighth Grade Division A

Theodore L. Jones
Richard P. Allen

Eighth Grade Division B

Wayne D. Suitor
John W. Badger

Seventh Grade

John P. Richardson
Lewis A. Hester

Sixth Grade

Ralph Hopkins
Joseph Magazu

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Editorial

We have just had another graduation at our School. Boys have been studying and developing at this school since 1814 but formal graduations have been held only during the past 51 years.

June is the season of graduations in schools and colleges at large. Even little tots are now graduating. A Boston paper recently portrayed a class graduating from kindergarten, all dressed for the occasion in real caps and gowns of traditional design.

America takes graduation and its graduates seriously, as well she should. The diploma itself may serve only an ornamental purpose but it marks another mile in the progress of human affairs and signifies that the recipient has inched along another bit toward a more complete knowledge of life's purpose.

Colleges and Universities award a few honorary degrees to carefully chosen men and women. Invariably these degrees are also earned. Those distinguished individuals upon whom such degrees are conferred have pursued a far wider scope of study than might generally be supposed. They are in fact the ones of the greatest education.

Graduation will always be dear to the hearts of the American people, and especially to the families whose loved ones are receiving that coveted parchment, the graduation diploma or the degree certificate.

Topics in Brief

The Class of 1948 was graduated on June 7 before a gathering of several hundred in Bowditch House. The exercises were impressive and expressed the solemnity of the occasion. Dr. Willard L. Sperry, Dean of the Divinity School of Harvard University delivered the address to the class and it was a distinct privilege to have him with us. Following the exercises those who had finished the work here left the school and it was with a mixture of joy and sadness that we bid adieu to an outstanding group.

At the kind invitation of Mrs. Arthur Adams the graduating class enjoyed an excursion to Benson's Wild Animal Farm in Nashua, N. H. on June 4. This all day trip was made in a chartered bus and a very pleasant time was enjoyed. There is indeed much of interest at this popular place. Good weather made the outing doubly enjoyable for unfavorable weather interfered with nearly all of our holiday activities this spring. We thank Mrs. Adams for providing this happy outing.

The Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 1948 took place on Sunday June 6 at the South Baptist Church in South Boston. The sermon was given by the Rev. Louis W. West and those who have heard this most able speaker know that he had a vital message for our group. Music by the church choir supplemented by selections by our brass quartette were important parts of the service. Our young graduates took keen satisfaction in the impressive service and received a rich spiritual blessing.

The graduating class was tendered a farewell party on June 4, the hosts being the members of the Class of 1949. Miss Helen M. Gresty was present with a group

of girls from her church clubs. A highlight of the evening was the period of square dancing. The class committees are to be commended for a fine job in arranging the party which was most successful in every way.

The annual field day of the Alumni Association was held on Saturday June 5. Heavy rain kept the attendance at a comparably low figure, but those who braved the elements had an enjoyable day even though most of the activities were held indoors in the gymnasium and assembly hall. An excellent lunch was served in the gymnasium and at which time the graduates visited one with the other and family introductions were in order. In the afternoon a game and stunt period proved of interest as did a dancing party in the assembly hall.

Because of rain our annual Memorial Sunday services were held in Chapel instead of at our little south end cemetery. Appropriately Memorial Sunday occurred on May 30 and our academic department prepared a noteworthy service. Sometimes we lose sight of the significance of Memorial Day and the meaning and importance of the day was brought to us by Headmaster William M. Meacham in a short address.

Our Band has been enriched by a gift of an excellent trombone by trustee-alumnus George G. Noren, '02. This is the third trombone which he has given in recent years and each has been a most valuable and appreciated gift. As our readers are well aware, every one of our boys has a superb opportunity to study instrumental music and gifts of first quality instruments assists us immeasurably in our purpose. Thank you Mr. Noren.

Our summer program got underway during the month. Softball and baseball leagues, horseshoe and tennis tournaments, and a full swimming and life saving program will give our boys a summer of recreation second to none. We are indeed fortunate in having ideal playing areas and equipment for the full enjoyment of outdoor sports and recreations.

One of the happy events of our commencement season is the Class Supper, tendered the members of the graduating class by Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham. This supper has been given for many years and is eagerly anticipated. This year it was held in Bowditch House on June 3 and those in attendance included the members of the Class of 1948, the post-graduates, and the faculty members of the academic department.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, June 1858 Aa kept by the Superintendent

3. Prepared ground for potatoes and planted one acre. The sloop River Queen, Cap't. Hamilton, came for a load of hay. Self went to city.

21. Went to Quincy to see a mowing machine work. Bought a horse of Richard Billings, \$50.00, to use on machine.

22. Had horse shod. Got mower. Self went to the city, then to Dorchester, then to Point.

23. Messrs. Pope, Russell and Billings came to witness the trial of the mower, which worked well.

24. Went to the city with list of supplies for tomorrow.

25. A visitation from boys' parents and others. Present of the Managers: Messrs. Grant, Kuhn, Bacon and Weld, all of whom witnessed the trial of the mowing machine.

26. Went to the city. Met Mr. Meserve at South Boston to look at mowers.

Prizes

An important part of our Graduation Exercises was the presentation of the Shaw Prizes and the Temple Consolation prizes. Twenty five dollars was distributed to the ten highest boys on the merit chart. These Shaw prizes have been given for over fifty years. Books were given the next five, these being the gift of Mr. N. Penrose Hallowell in memory of Mr. Thomas F. Temple who began the custom of giving these consolation prizes. Honorable mention was accorded the next five in rank.

Those receiving the Shaw prizes for the period Dec. 1, 1947 to June 1, 1948 were:

- 1st Theodore L. Jones
- 2nd Stephen J. Zevitas
- 3rd Paul W. Horton
- 4th Harold D. Lowery
- 5th Leonard C. Souza
- 6th Robert M. Davenport
- 7th Richard P. Allen
- 8th John P. Richardson
- 9th Chester W. Magee
- 10th Burleigh M. Roberts

Temple Consolation (Books)

- 11th Hans M. Christensen
- 12th Nelson W. Stearns
- 13th S. Brooks Whiting
- 14th Joseph J. Magazu
- 15th William T. Warfield

Honorable Mention

- 16th John W. Badger
- 17th J. Sheridan Higgins
- 18th Richard E. McPhee
- 19th Thurmond Hood, Jr.
- Edward H. Strom ('Tie)

Memorial Sunday Service

On Sunday, May 30th, a Memorial Day service was held in our chapel. It had been planned to hold this service at our little cemetery at the south end of the

island but unfavorable weather made the indoor setting necessary. The program was announced by the valedictorian of the graduating class, Samuel B. Whiting, and was as follows:

PROGRAM

Hymn God of Our Fathers
 Congregation

Invocation
 Mr. David Page

Flag Salute
 Kenneth W. Duquet, Leader

Hymn America the Beautiful
 Congregation

Reading The Gettysburg Address
 George H. Tangen, Jr.

Selection Bless Be the Tie that Binds
 Brass Quintet

Hymn Columbia the Gem of the Ocean
 Congregation

Remarks
 Headmaster William M. Meacham

Our Cemetery History
 Samuel B. Whiting

Rolling of Drums and Taps
 Paul W. Horton Harold Lowery
 William Warfield Malcolm Wiley

Hymn America
 Congregation

The service was impressive and those taking part deserve credit for their excellent work. The brass quintet did particularly well and the members were Harold D. Lowery, Jr., William T. Warfield and Malcolm C. Wiley, cornets: Richard E. McPhee, trombone and Stephen J. Zevitas, euphonium.

The Francis Shaw Scholarship

In 1936 the Francis Shaw Scholarship fund was created by Miss Miriam Shaw, in the memory of her father.

Mr. Shaw maintained a deep interest

in the boys of this school practically all his life. From 1889 to 1923 he was a member of the Board of Trustees, being concerned with the development of the farm program of the School. The stalwart character of each and every F.T.S. boy was his prime interest and to further this he began, in 1898, the Shaw prizes which he continued to give every six months during his lifetime, and were made perpetual by a provision in his legacy.

The Francis Shaw Scholarship is sufficiently endowed to provide a generous share of the essential expenses of one boy each year at the School. It has been awarded each year to the boy in a higher class deemed most worthy.

Harold D. Lowery, Jr., received this honor for the school year 1947-1948.

Charles Hayden Memorial Scholarships

Annually, for the past eight years, fifteen of our boys have been selected to receive a Charles Hayden Memorial Scholarship. Those to receive this award for the school year 1947-1948 were:

Junior Class

Stephen J. Zevitas
William T. Warfield

Sophomore Class

Robert W. Hatch
J. Sheridan Higgins
Paul W. Horton
Richard E. McPhee

Freshman Class

Howard E. Jennison
Ernest L. Parsons
Malcolm C. Wiley

Eighth Grade

Richard P. Allen
Richard G. Burton
Thurmond Hood, Jr.
Theodore L. Jones
David W. Simmons, Jr.
Edward H. Strom

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Alumni Field Day

The annual field day of the Alumni Association was held on Saturday June 5, when graduates and their friends totalling 125 came to the School via chartered boat. The program for the day had to be changed greatly because weather conditions made outdoor activities impossible for the most part.

The group arrived at the Island shortly after ten o'clock and were met by the school band and escorted to the front lawn. Soon ball games were in progress but they were terminated by a downpour which continued until late in the day.

Lunch was served in the gymnasium and everyone enjoyed the excellent menu arranged for our group by Headmaster Meacham and his staff. At this time our members enjoyed meeting and talking with schoolday friends whom they had not met for years. As is the case nearly at almost every Alumni gathering, there were one or two who were present for the first time in decades.

The assembly hall was gaily decorated and a dancing party was held for the younger members of the Association. This continued throughout most of the afternoon.

The program for the youngsters was held in the gymnasium with a variety of sports, games, stunts, musical numbers and other entertaining features. The afternoon went all too fast once this program got underway. The youngsters enjoyed it greatly as did the onlookers who, if the truth were known, enjoyed the program even more so than did the participants.

President S. Leo Whitehead was everywhere in evidence and did a fine

job in making everyone feel at home and adjusting the events of the day in keeping with the weather. Without doubt those who came enjoyed every minute even though Mr. Whitehead and his committee were forced to make many changes in the planned schedule.

The many thanks of our Association go to everyone connected with the school. Headmaster William M. Meacham, the instructors and the boys too, did everything possible to entertain our group and to make the get-together successful from every point of view.

GEORGE F. CONNORS, '39 is the proud father of two fine boys and living at Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. At present he is a trailer-truck driver working between Maine cities. He intends to take advantage of the G. I. Education Bill although he has made no definite plans as yet. His address is 46 High Street, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, and he would be happy to hear from any of his F. T. S. friends.

FRANK R. ANDERSON, '41, has completed a music course at the New England Conservatory of Music and is making plans to enter a southern college in September taking the pre-medical course. His present address is 216 Beacon Street, Boston, 16, Mass.

Another of our former military men has sights on a college career. KENNETH C. CASWELL, '33, looks forward to his collegiate work at Catholic University, in Washington, D. C. Some of his Boston friends recall with pleasure his visits last summer when he was in this locality on a vacation.